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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-5, for prosecution at this time, *without traverse*.

The Examiner is authorized to cancel the non-elected claims upon the indication of allowable subject matter in this application.

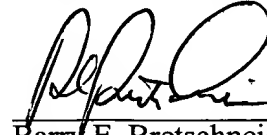
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